



16th Dubai Open Chess Championship

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Sheikh Rashid Bin Hamdan Al Maktoum Cup



Former Dubai Open champion GM Abhijeet Gupta grabbed solo lead after four rounds.

Former Dubai Open champion GM Abhijeet Gupta of India grabbed solo lead of the 16th Dubai Open Chess Championship at the Dubai Chess Club in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

Gupta beat giant killer IM Hatim Al-Hadarani of Yemen to be alone with 4 points out of as many rounds.

Gupta turned back Al-Hadarani's pet opening, the Colle System. The Indian GM transposed to a Rook and pawn ending and threatened to advance his pawns to force resignation on the 28th move.

In the race for \$50,000 in cash prizes, six players are bunched together in second slot with 3.5 points each, namely GMs Edouard Romain of France, Zaven Andriasian of Armenia, Eduardo Iturrizaga of Venezuela, Constantin Lupulescu of Romania, Axel Bachmann

of Paraguay and Anuar Ismagambetov of Kazakhstan.

Lupulescu crushed the Dutch Defense of GM Ziaur Rahman of Bangladesh in 36 moves. Andriasian used the English opening and gained the Rook for Bishop exchange to force resignation on the 63rd move.

The other games among the leaders were hard fought draws. Romain essayed the Queen's Gambit Declined against Axel Bachmann to draw in 53 moves.

Iturrizaga used the Sicilian Defense against Ismagambetov and forced a draw by three time repetition of position on the 50th move.

There are no games on Friday. On Saturday, Gupta plays White against Edouard Romain. In other top matches Bachmann faces Lupulescu, Iturrizaga plays Andriasian and Istratescu goes up against Ismagambetov.

Games are scheduled 5:30 pm daily except on the rest day, Friday, when there will be a blitz tournament. The strong field includes 38 Grandmasters and 8 Woman Grandmasters, 16 International Masters, 3 Woman International Masters, 10 FIDE Masters and 5 Woman FIDE Masters.

The tournament is going on until 16th April at the Dubai Culture and Chess Club. Top boards are broadcast live at the Dubai Chess Club web site with photo gallery, games download and links to video coverage on Youtube. See results and standings in chess-results.com.

Cash prizes shall be awarded the top 16 places with a top prize of \$10,000 for the champion. Special prizes shall be awarded to Arab players and ladies, local players and club players.

A blitz tournament will be held on the rest day, Friday, 11 April.

16th Dubai Open 2014
Round 4 on 2014/04/10 at 17:30

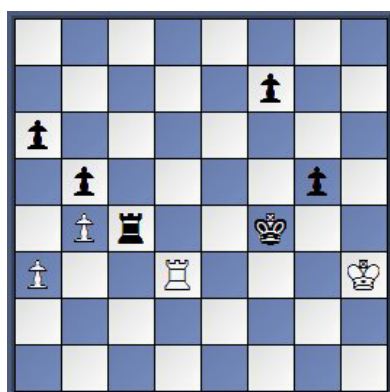
Bo.		Name	Rtg	FED	Pts	Res.	Pts		Name	Rtg	FED
1	GM	Edouard Romain	2670	FRA	3	½ - ½	3	GM	Bachmann Axel	2598	PAR
2	GM	Ismagambetov Anuar	2493	KAZ	3	½ - ½	3	GM	Iturrizaga Bonelli Eduardo	2635	VEN
3	FM	Al-Hadarani Hatim	2249	YEM	3	0 - 1	3	GM	Gupta Abhijeet	2630	IND
4	GM	Korobov Anton	2698	UKR	2½	½ - ½	2½	GM	Ghaem Maghami Ehsan	2556	IRI
5	GM	Lalith Babu M.R.	2594	IND	2½	½ - ½	2½	GM	Akopian Vladimir	2674	ARM
6	GM	Brkic Ante	2568	CRO	2½	½ - ½	2½	GM	Istratescu Andrei	2667	FRA
7	GM	Lupulescu Constantin	2660	ROU	2½	1 - 0	2½	GM	Rahman Ziaur	2513	BAN
8	GM	Balogh Csaba	2656	HUN	2½	½ - ½	2½	IM	Ghosh Diptayan	2485	IND
9	GM	Rakhmanov Aleksandr	2610	RUS	2½	½ - ½	2½	GM	Shyam Sundar M.	2481	IND
10	GM	Jankovic Alojzije	2554	CRO	2½	½ - ½	2½	GM	Stevic Hrvoje	2607	CRO
11	GM	Andriasian Zaven	2603	ARM	2½	1 - 0	2½	GM	Debashis Das	2504	IND
12	FM	Tabatabaei M.Amin	2298	IRI	2½	½ - ½	2½	GM	Iordachescu Viorel	2601	MDA
13	GM	Jones Gawain C B	2650	ENG	2	½ - ½	2	IM	Kjartansson Gudmundur	2440	ISL
14	IM	Swapnil S. Dhopade	2438	IND	2	0 - 1	2	GM	Kuzubov Yuriy	2639	UKR
15	GM	Amin Bassem	2637	EGY	2	0 - 1	2	IM	Georgiadis Nico	2421	SUI
16	GM	Solak Dragan	2635	TUR	2	1 - 0	2	IM	Das Sayantan	2371	IND
17	GM	Mchedlishvili Mikheil	2628	GEO	2	1 - 0	2	IM	Ekdysman Mikhail	2365	RUS
18	FM	Pourramezanali Amirreza	2435	IRI	2	½ - ½	2	GM	Petrosian Tigran L.	2627	ARM
19	GM	Volkov Sergey	2600	RUS	2	1 - 0	2	IM	Isaev Jamshed	2331	TJK
20	IM	Kanter Eduard	2406	RUS	2	0 - 1	2	GM	Bogner Sebastian	2587	SUI
21	GM	Jumabayev Rinat	2580	KAZ	2	0 - 1	2	IM	Ahmadinia Ebrahim	2353	IRI
22	GM	Stojanovic Mihajlo	2568	SRB	2	½ - ½	2	FM	Mohannad Farhan	2313	JOR
23	IM	Nezad Husein Aziz	2366	QAT	2	0 - 1	2	GM	Kotsur Pavel	2557	KAZ
24	WGM	Schneider Veronika	2307	HUN	2	0 - 1	2	GM	Mastrovasilis Athanasios	2535	GRE
25	GM	Dizdar Goran	2513	CRO	2	1 - 0	2	FM	Gulamali Kazim	2293	USA
26	GM	Cicak Slavko	2507	SWE	2	1 - 0	2		Deshpande Aniruddha	2287	IND
27	WGM	Khademalsharieh Sarasadat	2292	IRI	2	0 - 1	2	GM	Kostenko Petr	2506	KAZ
28	GM	Carlsson Pontus	2486	SWE	2	1 - 0	2	IM	Gameel Mohamed	2216	YEM
29	IM	Demuth Adrien	2482	FRA	2	½ - ½	2	FM	Igonin Temur	2194	UZB
30	GM	Grover Sahaj	2475	IND	2	1 - 0	2	FM	Harshal Shahi	2020	IND
31		Karthik V. Ap	2250	IND	2	0 - 1	2	IM	Vakhidov Jahongir	2472	UZB
32		Tabada Jobannie C.	2210	PHI	2	0 - 1	2	IM	Melia Salome	2459	GEO
33	WGM	Makropoulou Marina	2201	GRE	2	0 - 1	2	IM	Ashwin Jayaram	2454	IND
34		Ravi Teja S.	2354	IND	1½	1 - 0	2	FM	Mayed Al-Rashedi	1838	UAE
35		Momeni E.	2194	IRI	1½	½ - ½	1½	WGM	Saduakassova Dinara	2342	KAZ
36	CM	Prince Bajaj	2319	IND	1½	1 - 0	1½	FM	Al Badani Abdu	2175	YEM
37		Moayed Obied	2102	JOR	1½	0 - 1	1½		Abhishek Kelkar	2300	IND
38		Raes Abdul Kader	2248	SYR	1½	1 - 0	1½	WGM	Partac Elena	2101	MDA
39	WIM	Raghavi N.	2231	IND	1½	1 - 0	1½		Harikrishnan Samyuktha	1439	IND
40	WGM	Kryvoruchko Vita	2229	UKR	1½	0 - 1	1½		Ahmed Fareed	1767	UAE
41		Sultan Ibrahim	2037	UAE	1½	½ - ½	1½	WIM	Ivana Maria Furtado	2204	IND
42		Krishna C.R.G.	2343	IND	1	1 - 0	1	CM	Ahmed Holi Ali Moawia	2039	SUD
43		Lokander Martin	2280	SWE	1	0 - 1	1		Al Yaghshi M. Hisham	2037	SYR
44		Mahmoud Haitham	1979	SUD	1	0 - 1	1	WFM	Khalafova Narmin	2160	AZE
45		Basil Alshouha	2160	JOR	1	1 - 0	1		Turar	1997	KAZ
46	CM	Derakhshani Borna	1964	IRI	1	0 - 1	1	WFM	Derakhshani Dorsa	2154	IRI
47		Fries Frederik	2154	GER	1	1 - 0	1		Elgantiry Ahmed	1991	EGY
48		Osman Abdelgadir	2153	SUD	1	0 - 1	1	FM	Elmejbri Ali A.	1962	LBA
49		Tuomainen Felix	1940	SWE	1	0 - 1	1		Pratyusha Bodda	2149	IND
50	WGM	Mona Khaled	2140	EGY	1	1 - 0	1	CM	Meier Kurt	1936	SEY
51	WFM	Boshra Alshaebay	1925	JOR	1	0 - 1	1	CM	Nadir Samir	2133	SUD
52	WFM	Assaubayeva Bibissara	1891	KAZ	1	½ - ½	1		Nishant Malhotra	2118	IND
53		Faranka Khaled	1828	LBA	1	0 - 1	1		Nimmy A.G.	2116	IND
54		Marcos Marvin	2111	PHI	1	1 - 0	1		Akshay V Halagannavar	1878	IND
55		Elnaami Hashem A.K.	1840	LBA	1	0 - 1	1		Siva Mahadevan	2105	IND
56		Al-Subaihi Khalil	2099	YEM	1	1 - 0	1		Adarsh Saji	1777	IND
57		Asmar Elie	2062	LIB	1	1 - 0	1		Hamed Mohamed	1759	SUD

58	CM	Alattar Rakan	2059	JOR	1	1 - 0	1		Ali Abdulaziz	1728	UAE
59		Abo-Hazeem Mohanned	2058	JOR	1	1 - 0	1		Halvarsson Gustav	1714	SWE
60		Nandu Gagarin	1499	IND	1	0 - 1	1		Jacobson Erik	2056	SWE
61	WIM	Blanco Acevedo Maria Carolina	2051	VEN	1	1 - 0	1		Al Hamed Saif Idrees	1589	UAE
62		Al- Meghbal Ahmed	1438	UAE	1	½ - ½	1		Bennett John M	2043	ENG
63		Al-Aqrabi Saleh	2154	YEM	½	1 - 0	½		Latib Tameez	1907	RSA
64		Afshar Niusha	1993	IRI	½	0 - 1	½		Rafee Mohd Hayel	1907	SYR
65		Guliyev Gasan Alipasha	1974	AZE	½	1 - 0	½		Altaher Salman Tarek	1477	UAE
66		Abdulla Al-Hamed	1688	UAE	½	0 - 1	0		Rice Chris B	2014	ENG
67		Ahmed Al Khatib	2101	JOR	0	1 - 0	0		Gahfer Khaled	1801	LBA
68		Rodrigues Inacio	2019	IND	0	1 - 0	0		Sasikumar Anusweud	1715	IND
69		Bit-Narva David	1882	SWE	0	1 - 0	0		Hamad Abdul Razzaq	2007	UAE
70	WFM	Alattar Ghayda M.	1917	JOR	0	1 - 0	0		Al Zarooni Ahmed	1713	UAE
		Holi Sief Al Din	1776	SUD	0	1 - -			Bye	0	

W: Al-Hadarani, Hatim (YEM) 2249

B: Gupta, Abhijeet (IND) 2630

1. Nf3 Nf6 2. d4 g6 3. e3 Bg7 4. Bd3 O-O 5. O-O d5 6. Nbd2 Nbd7 7. h3 c5 8. c3 Qc7 9. b3 b6 10. Bb2 Bb7 11. Rc1 Rad8 12. c4 Qb8 13. Qe2 e6 14. dxc5 Nxc5 15. Be5 Qa8 16. Bb1 Rfe8 17. Rfd1 Ncd7 18. Bd6 a6 19. b4 e5 20. cxd5 Nxd5 21. e4 Nf4 22. Qe3 b5 23. Kh2 Bh6 24. g4 Nf6 25. g5 Bxg5 26. Nxc5 Rxd6 27. Rc7 Rd7 28. Rxd7 Nxd7 29. Ndf3 Bc6 30. Nxe5 Nxe5 31. Qxf4 h6 32. Nf3 Nxf3+ 33. Qxf3 Bxe4 34. Bxe4 Qxe4 35. Qxe4 Rxe4 36. a3 Kg7 37. Kg3 Kf6 38. Rd6+ Re6 39. Rd5 Rc6 40. f3 Ke6 41. Rd3 g5 42. h4 Rc4 43. hxg5 hxg5 44. Re3+ Kd5 45. Rd3+ Ke5 46. Kh3 Kf4 47. Rd6 Kxf3 48. Rd3+ Kf4 0-1



W: Edouard, Romain (FRA) 2670

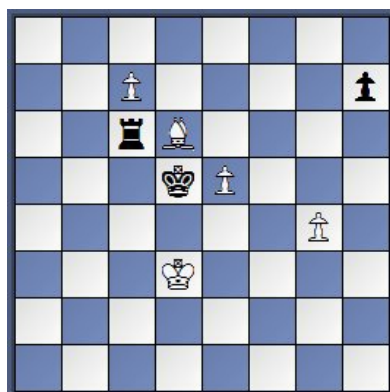
B: Bachmann, Axel (PAR) 2598

1. d4 d5 2. c4 c6 3. Nf3 e6 4. Nc3 dxc4 5. a4 Bb4 6. e3 b5 7. Bd2 a5 8. axb5 Bxc3 9. Bxc3 cxb5 10. b3 Bb7 11. bxc4 b4 12. Bb2 Nf6 13. c5 O-O 14. Bb5 Bc6 15. Ba4 Bxa4 16. Qxa4 Qd5 17. O-O Nc6 18. Rfd1 Ne4 19. Ne1 f5 20. f3 Nf6 21. Nd3 Qd7 22. d5 Nxd5 23. e4 fxe4 24. fxe4 Nde7 25. Nxb4 Qb7 26. Nxc6 Nxc6 27. Rab1 Rab8 28. Bxg7 Qxb1 29. Bxf8 Qb5 30. Qxb5 Rxb5 31. Bh6 Kf7 32. Rd7+ Kg6 33. Bf8 a4 34. Rc7 a3 35. Rxc6 a2 36. Rxe6+ Kf7 37. Ra6 Rb1+ 38. Kf2 a1=Q 39. Rxa1 Rxa1 40. Bd6 Ke6 41. g4 Ra2+ 42. Kg3 Ra3+ 43. Kh4 Re3 44. e5 Rc3 45. Kg5 Rh3 46. c6



A fighting draw between erstwhile leaders GM Romain Edouard of France (left) and Axel Bachmann of Paraguay.

At the halfway mark of the 9-round Swiss leaders usually coast to draws among themselves. But the games show that the matches were hard fought. Bunched together with 3 points each are 32 hopefuls fighting for a share of the \$50,000 purse, one of the richest in Asia.



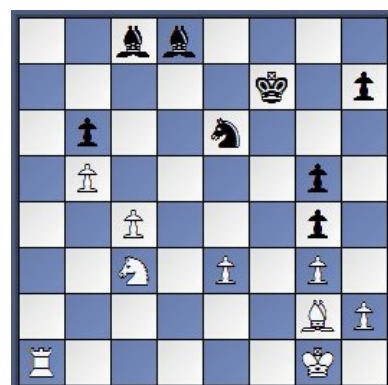
Rxh2 47. c7 Rc2 48. Kh6 Kf7 49. Kh5 Ke6 50. Kg5 Rc1 51. Kf4 Rc4+ 52. Ke3 Kd5 53. Kd3 Rc6 1/2-1/2

W: Lupulescu, Constantin ROM 2660

B: Rahman, Ziaur (BAN) 2513

1. d4 e6 2. c4 f5 3. g3 Nf6 4. Bg2 Be7 5. Nf3 O-O 6. O-O d6 7. Nc3 a5 8. Qc2 Nc6 9. Rd1 Qe8 10. a3 e5 11. dxe5 dxe5

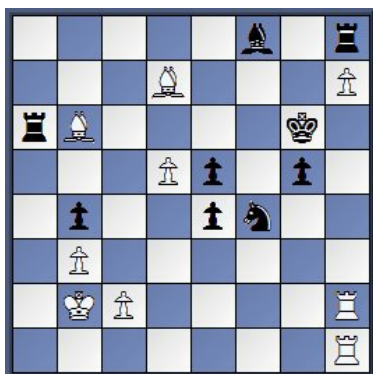
12. Nd5 Bd8 13. Bg5 Qf7 14. Be3 e4 15. Ng5 Qg6 16. Nh3 Ng4 17. Bc5 Re8 18. f3 b6 19. Bxb6 cxb6 20. Nh4 Qh6 21. fxg4 g5 22. Nh3 fxg4 23. Nf2 Qg7 24. Bxe4 Nd4 25. Qd3 Ne6 26. Bg2 Ra7 27. e3 Rf8 28. Ne4 Ba6 29. b4 axb4 30. axb4 Kh8 31. Qc3 Qxc3 32. Ndx3 Rff7 33. b5 Bc8 34. Nd6 Rxa1 35. Nxf7+ Kg7 36. Rxa1 Kxf7 1-0



W: Ismagambetov, Anuar (KAZ) 2493

B: Iturrizaga B, Eduardo (VEN) 2635

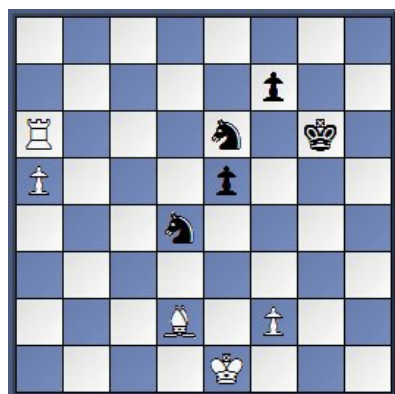
1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 e6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nc6 5. Nc3 Qc7 6. Be3 a6 7. Qd2 Nf6 8. O-O-O Be7 9. f3 b5 10. g4 Nxd4 11. Bxd4 b4 12. Na4 Rb8 13. Kb1 O-O 14. h4 e5 15. Bf2 d5 16. g5 Nh5 17. exd5 Rd8 18. b3 Nf4 19. Bc4 Bf5 20. Rhe1 h6 21. Qe3 Bd6 22. gxf6 g6 23. h5 Nxh5 24. Rh1 Kh7 25. Nc5 Nf4 26. Ne4 Bxe4 27. fxe4 a5 28. Rc1 Qd7 29. Qa7 Bc7 30. Rcd1 Ra8 31. Qb7 Bd6 32. Qxd7 Rxd7 33. Bb5 Rc7 34. Bc6 Rb8 35. Rd2 f6 36. Be3 g5 37. a3 Kg6 38. Ka2 Rh7 39. Rdh2 f5 40. Ba7 Rbh8 41. Bb6 fxe4 42. Bxa5 Ra7 43. Bb6 Rxa3+ 44. Kb2 Ra6 45. h7 Bf8 46. Be8+ Kf5 47. Bd7+ Kg6 48. Be8+ Kf5 49. Bd7+ Kg6 1/2-1/2



W: Andriasian, Zaven (ARM) 2603

B: Debashis, Das (IND) 2504

1. Nf3 d5 2. g3 Nf6 3. Bg2 c6 4. c4 Bg4 5. O-O e6 6. d3 Be7 7. Qb3 Qb6 8. Qc2 Nbd7 9. Nc3 O-O 10. Bf4 Qa6 11. cxd5 cxd5 12. h3 Bh5 13. e4 Rac8 14. e5 Ne8 15. d4 Nc7 16. Rfc1 Nb8 17. Qd2 Nc6 18. g4 Bg6 19. Bf1 Qa5 20. a3 Na8 21. h4 Qd8 22. h5 Be4 23. Ng5 Nb6 24. Ngxe4 dxe4 25. Nxe4 Qxd4 26. Qxd4 Nxd4 27. Rxc8 Rxc8 28. Rd1 Nc6 29. g5 Nd5 30. Bg3 Nb8 31. h6 Rc2 32. hxg7 Rxb2 33. Nf6+ Kxg7 34. Rd4 Nc6 35. Rh4 Rb1 36. Kg2 Rxf1 37. Kxf1 Kg6 38. a4 h5 39. gxf6 Bxf6 40. exf6 Nxf6 41. Bf4 Kh7 42. Rh3 a6 43. Bc1 Ne7 44. a5 Ne4 45. Rb3 Nd6 46. Bf4 Nb5 47. Bd2 Nf5 48. Rd3 Nbd4 49. Rc3 Nc6 50. Rb3 Nd6 51. Ke1 Nd4 52. Rd3 e5 53. Rg3 N6f5 54. Rc3 Nc6 55. Rb3 Nd6 56. Rb6 Kg6 57. Bb4 Nb5 58. Bf8 Nc7 59. Rxb7 Ne6 60. Bb4 Kxh6 61. Bd2+ Kg6 62. Rb6 Ncd4 63. Rxa6 1-0



International Arbiter Jamal Qasim of Yemen



Match between Croatian GMs Alojzije Jankovic (left) and Hrvoje Stevic.



GM Gudmundur Kjartansson (ISL) 2440